

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my story... my journey.... my rebirth. In November 2007 I weighed 380lbs. I struggled daily to perform what others would deem normalcies. I felt uncomfortable in my own skin and wanted a change. I used to dream/hope/pray to get mono so that I would dramatically lose weight, and when I would dream I always saw myself as skinny. The fact was that I was super obese. My BMI was a 54 and if I didn't make a change I could die. In fact, I was unaware that there was a category surpassing morbid obesity, but I found myself in that very position. On November 12, 2007 I was reborn. Dr. Patel and his team performed gastric bypass surgery. It was an arduous journey, but one that I would do again without even second guessing my decision. It is now June 2009 and I am down to 170 pounds. I have literally lost 210lbs!!! I manage a plus-size womans clothing store and have even been told by customers that I am too skinny to work there. I tell them that everyone has a story.... you just have to take the time to listen.

April



April before surgery



April after surgery